

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the text specifically located from page 11, line 26, through page 12, line 4 of the specification, which describes Figure 3, with the following:

**Fig. 3** shows RT-PCR analysis of the novel TCRC $\beta$ 2 cDNA including an in-frame intronic J sequence designated J<sup>int</sup>J-C $\beta$ 2, obtained from MBA-13 mesenchymal cell line and fetal primary cell cultures. The cDNA was obtained from total RNA extracted from mouse embryonic fibroblast and different MBA-13 cell strains (1-3). RT-PCR was performed using the following sense pairs:

exonic J $\beta$ 2.6: 5'-CTATGAACAGTACTTCGGTC-3' [SEQ ID NO:69]; or

intronic J $\beta$ 2.6: 5'-ATGGGAGAATACCTCGCTG-3' [SEQ ID NO:70]; or

5'-CCCTAAATGGGAGAATACC [SEQ ID NO:71]; and

antisense primer C $\beta$ 3: 5'-CATCCTATCATCAGGGGGTTCTGTCTGCAA-3' [SEQ ID NO:72]. Products of 465 bp and 524 bp were produced, respectively.